

"HOMES OF CIA" SHOW

25 January 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**SUBJECT: Trowels Used at the Laying of the Cornerstone of the Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters Building**

1. The cornerstone of the Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters Building at Langley, Virginia, was laid on November 3, 1959, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Allen W. Dulles, the Director of Central Intelligence, assisted.

2. As an expression of his appreciation for my work in connection with the construction of the Headquarters Building, Allen W. Dulles presented to me trowels used by President Eisenhower and himself at the laying of the cornerstone. They are inscribed as follows:

"Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, used this trowel at the laying of the cornerstone of the Central Intelligence Agency Building at Langley, Virginia, on November 3, 1959"

and

"Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence, used this trowel at the laying of the cornerstone of the Central Intelligence Agency Building at Langley, Virginia, on November 3, 1959"

3. On the occasion of my retirement from active Government service, I should like to present the aforementioned two trowels to the Central Intelligence Agency as mementos of permanent historical significance. This memorandum is to record the fact that on 25 January 1972 I turned these two trowels over to John F. Blake, Director of Logistics, for safekeeping.

/s/ L. K. White

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